Land under Irrigation in Maharashtra

4009. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT:
SHRI BAPU HARI CHAURE:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the area of land brought under irrigation in Maharashtra during the Seventh Plan period; and

(b) he details of financial assistance provided to Maharashtra during the plan period?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) An additional irrigation potential of 687.75 thousand hectares is anticipated to have been created in the State of Maharashtra during the Seventh Plan period.

(b) An outlay of Rs. 1989–91 crores was approved by the Planning Commission during Seventh plan under irrigation sector to Maharashtra State against which the likely expenditure was Rs. 2284.77 crores. In addition to that an institutioanl investment of Rs. 532.66 crores was also during the same period.

Expansion of Telephone Exchange in States

4010. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:
SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to expand telephone exchanges in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount allocated for this purpose during 1992-93 in each of the States?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Based on the projected demand, the draft 8th plan proposals envisage addition of telephone exchange lines in the telecom circles as given below:

Uttar Pradesh	5.30 lakh lines
Bihar	1.25 " "
Rajasthan	4.15 " "
Gujarat	7.95 " "
Andhra Pradesh	6.45 " "
Maharashtra	9.05 " "

(c) Budget allocation for 1992–93 for the Department of Telecommunications has been submitted to the Parliament for their approval. at this stage state-wise allocation cannot be furnished.

Post and Telephone facilities in Gram Panchayats in Tribal areas

4011. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of relaxations for providing the telephone facilities in tribal and backward areas of the country;